

# ***ANGLER GUIDE***

## **Channel catfish**

Channel catfish are the most sought after species along the river. Any type of structure or deep hole will attract channel catfish, and anglers are often rewarded with a nice stringer of fish. Crayfish, cutbaits, night crawlers, or commercially prepared baits should be effective. Channel catfish are caught throughout the year all along the river.

## **Flathead catfish**

This predator lurks in deep holes along the river. Holes that have logjams or other types of woody debris can hold fish larger than 50 pounds. Anglers fishing for flatheads need stout tackle and live bait such as goldfish, carp, green sunfish and bullheads. Spring and fall are usually the best times to catch large flathead catfish. The lower Grand (below Sumner) is usually considered trophy water.

## **Blue catfish**

No fish gathers more attention along the river than a large blue catfish. Cut baits fished in deep holes provide the opportunity to catch a truly large fish. These fish, also known as "white cats" can grow to over 70 pounds.

## **Walleye**

Beginning in June 2000, the Missouri Department of Conservation will begin a program to increase walleye fishing opportunities in Grand River. Walleye fingerlings will be stocked at locations yet to be determined. In approximately three years anglers should be catching 15-inch fish.

## **Paddlefish**

Some fishing opportunities exist for paddlefish in the vicinity of Brunswick Access. Numerous small paddlefish move in and out of the lower Grand. Snaggers should be prepared to catch several sub-legal fish before catching a "keeper".

## **Floating and Boat Accesses**

Prairie streams like the Grand River offer uncrowded, close-to-home floating opportunities. In the spring, water conditions are best for floating the Upper Grand and numerous sandbars provide excellent picnic and camp sites. The lower Grand can be floated year round. There are 14 public access sites along the mainstem of Grand River. Paying attention to river levels can mean the difference between an enjoyable float and a day spent dragging through long stretches of shallow water.

## Fishing Regulations

- ! You may possess no more than the daily limit of any given species while you are on the waters, or the banks of waters where daily limits for those species apply.
- ! You may pursue, take and possess live bait, frogs, turtles and the fish species listed below by the sport fishing methods of pole and line, trotline, throw line, limb line, bank line, jug or block line, artificial lures, hooks and bait.

GAME FISH		
Species	Open Season	Daily Limit
Crappie	All Year	30
Channel and blue catfish	All Year	10
Flathead catfish	All Year	5
White and yellow bass, White bass- striped bass hybrids, and striped bass	All Year	15
Black bass (in streams)	All Year	6
Walleye & sauger	All Year	4
Paddlefish/spoonbill	March 15 to April 30	2

OTHER FISH, FROGS, TURTLES & BAIT		
Species	Open Season	Daily Limit
Live bait	All Year	150
All other fish combined	All Year	50 <sup>1, 2</sup>
Common snapping turtles	All Year	5
Soft-shelled turtles	July 1-Dec. 31	5
Bullfrogs, green frogs	Sunset June 30-Oct. 31	8
Mussels, except Asiatic clams	All Year	5

1. Limit 20 by methods other than hook and line.
2. Special restrictions apply to nongame fish taking methods.